



ALEXANDRIA.
THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 8.

UNQUESTIONABLY, the best thing Mr. Cleveland has done, since he became President, was his veto of the dependent pensions bill, which, however, Mr. Randall, the leader of the so-called protection democrats in Congress, voted to pass over his veto. That veto did not harm those who deserve pensions, but it saved the government hundreds of millions of dollars that would otherwise have gone into hands that had no just claim to the money, and into those of scheming pension agents. The right thinking men of all parties, republicans as well as democrats, even such a rank and ultra one of the former as ex Governor Cameron of Pennsylvania, applaud the President for the veto referred to.

IF WHAT the democrats say be true, Gen. Mahone's recent publication of a part of his Congressional record will result in more harm than good to him, as it has induced them to institute a careful examination of his every word and act during the six years of his Senatorship, and the result, they say, when published, will be anything else than advantageous to his cause. They say such an examination as they are making will demonstrate the fact that Gen. Mahone, by his one single vote, defeated the proposition to repeal the statute prohibiting ex-Confederates from holding positions in the U. S. army, and exhibit various other things not calculated to benefit him among right thinking Virginians.

A NORTHERN settler in Mecklenburg county has been compelled to shoot one of his colored hands. Owing to the existing relations of the races in the South such incidents must needs be, whether the farmer be of the North or South. It is hoped the Northern republican press, in commenting upon the particular case referred to, may not fail to mention the fact that the shooter recently came from the North, and that the country in which the shooting occurred has a large colored, and consequently republican, majority.

THE WASHINGTON Star says: "The spectacle of a Senator of the great State of Virginia being sued for a paltry five hundred dollars by one who was but lately his colleague, is edifying to a degree, especially in view of the evidence brought out concerning the origin of the debt." Though the Star is printed within gun shot of Virginia, it apparently knows little or nothing of affairs in the State. If it knew anything at all of Virginia matters, it would be surprised at the omissions rather than at the commissions of the Mahoneites.

MR. SPENCER, who is spoken of as the new president of the B. & O. R. R., upon completing his collegiate course, entered the machine shops of the road referred to, and having passed through all the grades of service of that road, has now, though a comparatively young man, reached the highest. Intelligence, industry, economy, and a conspicuous regard for the interests of the service in which he was engaged, have been the means by which Mr. Spencer has achieved his well earned success. And his case is only an example of a general rule.

THE RECEIPTS of the government yesterday from customs alone amounted to more than a million dollars, more of which was exacted by a tax on the necessities of life, while the poor as well as the rich have to consume. As the poor greatly outnumber the rich, the former have to pay most of this tax, and that too, strange as it may seem, for no other purpose than to have it locked up in the vaults of a Treasury already overflowing with money for which the government has no use.

IF NEW YORK be the pivotal State upon which the result of the next Presidential election depends, the bets on the result of that election are more uncertain than recent horse race wagers; for with a labor vote of 150,000, a temperance vote of 60,000, and a new knowning vote of 80,000, the estimated strength of the new organizations, all of which is to come from the two old parties, it will require more fore knowledge than that possessed by any modern prophet or his son to tell how that State will go.

MR. POWELL, the democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, opened his campaign at Hamilton yesterday. In his speech he took decided ground in favor of the reduction of the tax on food, clothing, and the other necessities of life, and of retaining that on luxuries, especially whisky. How much more effective would the democratic canvasser in Virginia be if they could take the same ground; but if they do, they will be running counter to the Roanoke platform.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 49, of New York, the most powerful assembly of knights of labor in the country, and the assembly which tried to create a disturbance in Richmond by attempting to take a colored member into the theatre there, has, by formal vote, determined to give moral and pecuniary support to the Chicago anarchists. Such action is not calculated to win for the knights the good opinion of the right thinking people of the country.

The Grant locomotive works and Jackson's silk works, at Paterson, N. J., were burned yesterday, entailing a loss of about \$150,000, and throwing about six hundred hands out of employment.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 8, 1887.

Mr. Randall did not return to Philadelphia yesterday afternoon as he expected to do, but was unavoidably detained here on private matters. As stated in this correspondence yesterday, he has not been invited to the White House, and has not seen the President since his arrival. He has not been consulted by the administration about the tariff, and does not expect to be, but, if otherwise, he does not hesitate to say that his opinion on the tariff, as on all other questions upon which he has expressed them, are formed upon mature consideration, and that therefore he can not change them even to please the President. Mr. Randall has in his possession the letter the President wrote to the superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, stating that the appointment of Chester, an officeholder in the Mint, as a delegate to the recent Pennsylvania democratic convention, would be disagreeable to him, but he has not yet made it public. Chester did go as a delegate, and it is possible he may be removed for it. Respecting the tariff bill, about which the recent consultations at Oak View have been held, it is reported that when completed it will not be published until after the fall elections, lest it might affect those elections.

Among the strangers in the city to day is Judge Tebb, of the county court of Loudoun county, Va. The Judge has no hesitation in saying that in his opinion Mr. Ryan will not only be renominated for the Virginia House of Delegates by the democrats of his county, but that he will be re-elected. Other people from the same county say the temperance cause is very strong there, and that upon its candidate all the opposition to the regularly nominated democratic nominee will unite, and also that the democracy of Loudoun has lost considerable strength in recent years.

Ex Representative Barbour left here this morning for Culpeper, to attend the agricultural fair now in progress there. Mr. Barbour says the democratic committee of Virginia, of which he is the chairman, is in receipt of letters from various parts of the State, that their general tenor is decidedly favorable, and that with proper work and ordinary luck he thinks the democrats will be able to elect a good working majority in the next legislature.

Among the physicians in attendance upon the Medical Congress here is Dr. Gray Latham, of Lynchburg. The Doctor says there are many distinguished foreign doctors present, but that they are neither as distinguished nor as numerous as had been expected. He also says that so far as practice is concerned America excels foreign countries as well in surgery as in medicine. Respecting politics in Lynchburg, the Doctor says the democrats have regained control of the city council there, and that, as indicated by the recent primary, they are united and solid, and will elect their nominees for the legislature.

Mr. Van Arken, of Petersburg, who is still loyal to General Mahone though the General has not done for him what he could have done, says that Mr. Brady's present opposition to Mahone "amounts to nothing with anybody," and will not influence a single vote except his own. He also says that Brady was a great Andrew Johnson man, and also, that on one occasion when collector of internal revenue, Brady threatened to have him, Van Arken, removed from his place as tobacco inspector because he refused to advocate the nomination of Sherman by the national republican convention.

The election of the charter Count Mitchell has obtained from the Chinese government had been approved by the Chinese minister here, and that the Count had been offered and refused a quarter of a million for his share of the expected profits, are both dead here to day.

Mr. Foster, assistant Secretary of State, does not now deny that he has tendered his resignation to the President, and that the reason he did so was the unpleasantness of his relations with Secretary Bayard. It is well known that Mr. Bayard entered the State Department with any thing else than good manners, and it is said he has not improved in that respect.

Many of the foreign doctors here are by no means pleased with the treatment they have received in this city. Indeed, most every body says the management has been any thing else than good. At the gathering at the pension office many of the people present were entirely out of place, the reception at the White House was by no means satisfactory, and the tickets to some of the other entertainments got into such hands that others had to be substituted. Some of the women at the pharmaceutical exposition have been actually discovered purchasing articles on exhibition.

In response to a letter from the postmaster at Cincinnati, civil service commissioner Obery writes that the removal of a republican clerk in the Cincinnati postoffice simply because he is a republican, and without cause, will be an infraction of the civil service rules.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.—As stated in the GAZETTE, the first meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University began in Baltimore yesterday. Cardinal Gibbons in the chair. Archbishop Corrigan, of New York, and Williams, of Boston; Bishops Ireland, of St. Paul; Keane, of Richmond, and Mgr. Farley, of New York, were present. It is said that \$8,000,000 will be required to build and place the University on a solid basis. Of that amount about \$700,000 has been secured, including \$300,000 donated by Miss Caldwell. The theological department will be the first to be opened, and that will be under the charge of the Order of St. Solpice. Washington city was selected as the location for the University, and the plans for the buildings were presented and adopted, and it was resolved to begin work during the present fall. Rev. Dr. Keane, of Richmond, was elected as first rector of the University. A building committee consisting of Archbishop Williams, Bishop Keane and Thomas Waggaman, was appointed. A collection committee including all the archbishops and bishops in the United States was also appointed.

THE SEPTEMBER SUN.—The sun rose on the 1st at 5h. 11m. a. m., and set at 6h. 20m. p. m., making the length of the day 13h. 9m. On the 30th the sun rises at 5h. 41m. a. m., and sets at 5h. 30m. p. m., making the length of the day 11h. 49m. The decrease in the length of the day during the month is 1h. 20m. The decrease is 30m. in the morning and 50m. in the evening. The days at the close of September are 3h. 24m. shorter than when at their maximum length. The sun's declination on the 1st was 8° 14' north. On the 30th it will be 2° 52' south. These figures show that the sun is 11° S farther south at the close of the month than he was at the beginning, and that he is in southern declination.

EX-GOV. William Aiken died yesterday at his country place, at Flat Rock, S. C., aged 81 years. He was governor of South Carolina in 1844, and a congressman from 1851 to 1857. He was the largest slaveholder in the state and was a successful rice planter. He consistently opposed nullification and secession, and took no part in politics after leaving Congress. He was also one of the first appointed trustees of the Peabody fund.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to Henry H. Thomas, of that city, and Lucy F. Philmar, of Spotsylvania county; Rodney W. Gray, of Loudoun county, and Ed. E. Stipe, of Jefferson county; and John R. Williams, of Fairfax county, and Ellen Ward, of Washington.

We have heard many of our old friends say that Salvation Oil cured them of rheumatism. Those who have not tried it, should do so. Our druggists sell it for twenty-five cents a bottle.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Three hundred and fifty nine bales of new cotton were received at Norfolk over the Seaboard road yesterday.

The Leesburg Fair, which begins on the 13th, promises to be very successful, and the exhibits, especially of fine cattle, large.

It was announced yesterday on "Change" that Stanhope Flournoy, a well-known young leaf tobaccoist of Richmond, had failed. Liabilities supposed to be about \$40,000.

William R. Jenkins, who was so severely beaten with clubs and stones on Monday, August 22, by Josiah R. Locke and son, farmers, of Clarke county, died last night. Locke and son are in jail at Berryville.

One day last week Col. E. V. White was thrown by an unruly colt he was riding near Leesburg and quite painfully though not seriously hurt. The injuries consisted principally of a badly bruised foot and leg.

Lee Camp Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, have asked the city of Richmond to aid them in raising the necessary expenses attending the celebration of the laying of the corner-stone of the Lee monument next month.

Ex Judge Egbert R. Watson died yesterday morning at Charlottesville at the age of 77. He was one of the ablest and most accomplished members of the Albemarle bar, and was at one time judge of that judicial circuit. He was the law partner of the late Judge Alexander Rives. He leaves a wife and six children.

The Powhatan Coal Company of London has just closed a contract with the Powhatan Coal Company, under which the Virginia company is to get \$125,000 cash and \$100,000 in stock of the London company, which proposes to carry on the works on a large scale. This is the third new company which has bought property in the Richmond coal fields this year. And yet Virginia is so poor!

The Culpeper Minute Men were on Friday inspected by Col. Joe Lane Stern, inspector-general of the State. The inspection was passed in a very creditable manner before a large crowd, after which the company was marched to the Opera House, where the Rev. Philip Slaughter delivered to them, before a crowded house, in a beautiful and very eloquent speech, a miniature flag of the old "Minute Men of '76."

SKIPPED TO THE SOUTH.—The hearing of the case of M. E. Reid, alias James Merwin, charged with stealing the sum of \$6,000 from the National Express Company of Glenn's Falls, New York, has been concluded before Judge Merrimon at Raleigh, N. C. Merwin was an agent of the company, and on the 20th of August last received from the National Bank at Glenn's Falls a package containing \$6,000, which he was instructed to transmit to the Gallatin National Bank of New York city. He did not forward the money as directed, but broke open the package and appropriated the contents to his own use. He at once left the office of the company at Glenn's Falls for parts unknown. Search was instituted for him by G. W. Slingerland, superintendent of the express company, and on the second day after Merwin's flight information was received that he was in Henderson, N. C. Slingerland found the object of his search, and inquired of him what he had done with the money. Merwin stated that he had spent a large portion of it in traveling expenses and jewelry. He gave Slingerland an order on an attorney for \$3,400 which he had deposited. In Henderson he was accompanied by a woman, who turns out to be another man's wife, and Merwin and wife were living in adultery, and against the parties for living in adultery, and the counsel for the defendants endeavored to have them held for trial on that charge in North Carolina, but Judge Merrimon did not consider that the matter had been brought before him in a regular way; so, he remanded the prisoner to the custody of the New York officer, who procured a requisition for his return to that state.

THE IRISH-CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT UNION.

The Irish Catholic Benevolent Union convened in annual session in Carroll Hall on G street in Washington yesterday. It has been in existence for eighteen years, and has branches in nearly all the States and in Canada, and its membership numbers 17,000. At 12 o'clock the convention was called to order in Carroll Hall by Michael Glennan, postmaster at Norfolk, Va., who delivered the opening address, in which he referred to the good feeling existing between America and Ireland. He read a cablegram from A. M. Keiley, judge of the international court at Cairo, Egypt, in which he expressed his regret at his inability to be present. The convention directed that an answer be sent. Michael Glennan, John A. Cole, M. B. Harlow, Rev. James Henry, C. W. Grant, Martin L. J. Gell, and A. P. Wilbur were appointed a committee to wait on the President and ascertain at what time it would be convenient for the members of the convention to pay their respects to him.

The secretary, Martin J. J. Griffin, of Philadelphia, reported that during the year ten new societies had been organized, six disbanded and five consolidated. During the year the total of the local societies aggregated \$172,559. In addition to the money already collected for the Irish parliamentary fund, \$176.75 has been received, making a fund of \$534,580 contributed by the union for this purpose. For the relief of the Charleston earthquake sufferers \$358.35 has been received. At the afternoon meeting the secretary read the reports of all the subordinate societies. The reports showed a marked growth in membership as well as an increase in the amounts in the treasuries.

The convention will continue in session to-day, and this evening a meeting will be held at Carroll Hall for the purpose of organizing a branch of the society in Washington.

The society in this city is well represented.

THE PETERSBURG TROUBLES.—Mayor T. J. Jarratt, of Petersburg, has instituted suit against R. P. Barham, editor and proprietor of the Index-Appeal, of that city, for \$10,000 for publishing a libelous card in reference to the mayor on the 30th of August last, signed by W. H. Lewis, H. C. Kennedy and W. J. Smith, three colored men. The card was in the shape of a resolution, and was adopted at a meeting of colored men. That portion of the card to which offense was taken read as follows: "Resolved, that we condemn him (the mayor's) sentence in the case of Ridley as that of a prejudiced officer, a biased judge and unqualified chief magistrate, and further characterize the whole affair as an outrage and a disgrace to the civilization of the nineteenth century." The Ridley referred to is a colored man who was fined \$50 by the mayor and sent to jail for eight months for knocking a white lady down upon the streets.

Lewis, Kennedy and Smith were before the Police Court yesterday morning for criminal libel, and were sent on to the grand jury for indictment. The cases of R. P. Barham and W. W. Evans, who are also to be tried for criminal libel, were set for a hearing on next Wednesday morning. Evans is the editor and proprietor of the Virginia Lancet, the organ of the colored people in Petersburg.

We have heard many of our old friends say that Salvation Oil cured them of rheumatism. Those who have not tried it, should do so. Our druggists sell it for twenty-five cents a bottle.

Lincolnia Items.

The public who have so long known the great convenience for milling purposes of the Triadelphia, near Cloud's, mill, will be pleased to learn that it is again open to supply the wants of all in the milling line. The lessee, Mr. Alfred Parkins, is an experienced miller of thirty years standing from Frederick county, Va., and will strive to serve the community fully and satisfactorily. We are pleased to make note of this well known mill being again in operation, as it adds zest and activity to this section. Steam is up and the stones grind.

At the local option election held on the 6th inst., at West End precinct, only thirty-nine votes out of over two hundred voters, were cast, twenty one for license and eighteen against; both sides were surprised at the meagre vote, and the thin interest manifested in the matter, and some vendors of the ardent hoped that no license would prevail, and we presume their hopes were realized as to the result in this (Falls Church) district.

The continued dry weather sears vegetation badly.

The recent gathering of the Farmers' Club and Ladies' Mite Society of this hamlet, at the hacienda (big word) of G. K. Pickett, was rendered very enjoyable by the home-like hospitality and sociability of the worthy host and hostess, and duly appreciated by the goodly number present. Uncritical committee made a favorable report on the aspect of the farm, and appearance of the cattle. A bachelor member of the committee, who put in a tardy appearance, was jocosely reminded of the surmise as to his lateness, that the cause might be from effect that saps the foundation of a previous and well fortified heart. Cards having been received from the New York Tribune desiring an expression of the club relative to tariff increase on articles supposed to be of much interest to agriculturists in this section, among which is sumac, enlivened the risibilities of even the most staid and sedate members of the club. By unanimous vote the secretary was authorized to reply that it was in favor of a reduction of the tariff on all necessities of life. It might result that increase of tariff on the diminutive production of sumac in this section would kill what little is allowed to adorn fence corners and the roadside. The question pending, as to the best breed of cattle for dairy purposes desired, and feeding same, elicited several opinions, and each member interested concluded that his own way was about right. The next question to be digested is "What is the best grass seed, and when and how to sow it."

The Mite Society was lively and festive. Music and hilarity prevailed full tide, and when the Solomons of the club united with their joviality was humorously interspersed with abundance of ice cream and cake. The next "Together" was announced to be held at the residence of Adam Martin on the 20th inst. Critical committee, G. K. Pickett, B. Camp and Merton Miller. Whomsoever may come can invoke, taste, invest and judge of the culinary skill of our cherry maidens as to pie. G. K. P. is an adept on pie.

The summer city dwellers have not yet migrated from their abiding places, but are enjoying the beauties of the most charming season of the year.

Don't!—If a dealer offers you a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup without wrapper or labels, or in a mutilated condition, don't touch it—don't buy it at any price, there is something wrong—it may be a dangerous or worthless counterfeit. Insist upon getting a perfect, unbroken, genuine package.

STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 8, 1887.

The following appointments for public speaking are announced. Unless otherwise indicated, county seats are always intended when the name of the county only is published:
ROSE, CHAS. T. O'NEILL.
Roanoke, Monday, Sept. 19.
HOSE, JOHN E. MASSEY.
Henn, Monday, Oct. 10.
Local—same week.
Patrick, Tuesday, Oct. 25.
Local—same week.
JOHN S. BARBOUR, Chairman.
W. W. SCOTT, Secretary.

Especially to Women.

"Sweet is revenge, especially to women," said the gifted, but naughty, Lord Byron. Surely he was in bad humor when he wrote such words. But there are complaints that only women suffer to day. There are those who hope for those who suffer, no matter how sorely, or severely, in Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Favorite Prescription." Safe in its action it is a blessing, especially to women and to men, too, for when women suffer the household is askew.

DIED.

On the morning of September 7th, Mrs. JOHN WADDEY, in the 85th year of her age, died at her residence on Friday morning, at 11 o'clock, from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. John Standiford, 1010 King street. Friends of the family are respectfully invited.

10,000 SIX-OUNCE CAKES FINE TOILET SOAP for sale at 5c each, by J. C. MILBURN.

THURBER'S SHEEDED OATS—A fresh lot just received. GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

PHILLIPS' DIGESTIBLE COCOA, highly recommended for invalids and children, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

SUITINGS! SUITINGS!—Good, pretty and cheap Suits made to order and fit guaranteed by J. C. MILBURN.

PATENT FLY FANS, two kinds, for sale at extra low prices at 88 King, corner Royal st., by J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

PULVERIZED SALT, in boxes, suitable for table and dairy, received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

CHOICE FLORIDA ORANGES and FANCY MESSINA LEMONS just received by J. C. MILBURN.

MONTSEBART and LIME FRUIT JUICE received to-day by J. C. MILBURN.

GOOD GUNPOWDER, OOLONG, JAPAN and Extra Mixed Teas, for sale at 50c per lb., by J. C. MILBURN.

CHEESE CLOTHS, Striped Lawns and Fine Gingham, for dresses, from 5c to 10c, at AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

BORAX SOAP, white, just received and for sale at 5c per cake by J. C. MILBURN.

INDIA GAUZE, Gossamer and Balbriggan Shirts, long and short sleeves, just received at AMOS B. SLAYMAKER'S.

HONEY DROPS, RED CROSS and QUEEN ANNE CANNED CORN for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

STRICTLY PURE CIDER VINEGAR, extra strength, for pickling, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

JELLIES, PRESERVES and FRUIT BUTTER for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

TEAS—Having bought largely of Teas, carefully selected, I am selling the same very low. J. C. MILBURN.

KITCHEN, CRYSTAL and PEERLESS Scouring Brasts, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

DESSICATED COCONUT, in bulk, for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

PRIME CREAM CHEESE for sale by J. C. MILBURN'S.



TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Fairfax Democratic Primary.

(By Telephone to the GAZETTE.)
FAIRFAX, C. H., Sept. 8.—The majority of the delegates chosen in yesterday's democratic primary are, it is understood, in favor of the nomination of Dr. Simpson for the House of Delegates. The candidates were Messrs. Simpson, Machen and Clarke.

International Medical Congress.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—At to-day's session of the International Medical Congress the secretary general announced the committee selected by President Davis, in compliance with a resolution adopted yesterday, to determine the place of meeting of the Tenth International Medical Congress.

It was announced that the committee would meet at three o'clock this afternoon at the Riggs House. Dr. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, one of the secretaries of the Congress, read an abstract of the proceedings of the section of public and international hygiene.

Dr. A. Y. P. Garnett, of this city, offered a resolution, which was adopted, commending the international celebration in honor of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, and an exposition of the history, arts and industries of all nations, to be held at the city of Washington in 1892.

Fires.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—A Times special from Rushville, Ind., says: Two destructive fires occurred here yesterday, burning two dwellings entire, damaging others and destroying several barns and the old woolen mills. The loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 8.—About midnight last night fire started in the stable of Wm. Heffron, proprietor of the West End Transfer Co., at 197 McMicken avenue and spread with such rapidity that the establishment was entirely destroyed, together with a mineral water factory and a small dwelling adjoining. Two stablemen were badly burned, one of them, Peter Hays, cannot recover. Thirty-eight horses and twelve mules were burned to death. The loss will aggregate \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Bald Robbery.

LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 8.—Yesterday afternoon a bold robbery was committed in the town of Elba. N. Decker, a farmer, sold one of his farms some weeks ago, receiving \$2,000 for it, which he kept secreted in his residence, thinking the bank unsafe. About 4:30, Mr. Decker being absent, Mrs. Decker went to a spring for water, some ten minutes walk from the dwelling, leaving a six months old child in the house. Upon returning, when in sight of the dwelling she discovered smoke issuing from the second story window and entering found the flames beyond control and the money gone from his hiding place. She barely escaped with the child. The building and contents were all consumed with no insurance. Decker had been cautioned about keeping so much money in the house. There is no clue to the robbers.

Friendly Rain.

KOHLER, Mich., Sept. 8.—Yesterday's rain is a God-send to the people of this section, for they have been scorched by fire, night and day for weeks past. Yesterday it was all but certain that the village of Topinabee must go. On Sunday the settlement at Ball post office was only saved by a change of wind. Many of the settlers had their chattels removed to a place of safety. Nearly every timber camp in this part of the state has been burned. On Sunday a strip of country three miles wide by ten long was burned over and was fought at every step by the settlers. At present, however, a heavy storm and much rain are scattering the fires.

Prohibition in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 8.—Elections on the question of local option were held in nine counties of this state yesterday, seven of which voted in favor of it. This makes thirty prohibition counties in the state and eighteen others will vote on local option soon.

Mr. Gladstone Declines.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Mr. Gladstone in a letter declines to accept the invitation to attend the centennial celebration of the adoption of the American Constitution at Philadelphia, on account of his pressing duties at home.

Trouble Anticipated.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 8.—Latest reports from the seat of the Blackfoot troubles in the Northwest Territory, indicate that about 300 warriors have donned their war paint and serious trouble is anticipated.

The Anarchists' Cases.

OTTAWA, Ill., Sept. 8.—The Supreme Court met at 9 o'clock this morning. Justice Scott having arrived last night the full bench was present. Nothing will be done with the anarchists' cases to-day.

Damaged to Crops.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 8.—A Medina special says it is estimated that sixty thousand dollars will not cover the loss to crops throughout Orleans county caused by high winds of last night.

The Irish Land Question.

DUBLIN, Sept. 8.—Archbishop Walsh, in a letter published to-day, says the Irish land question is a commercial and not a political matter. He declares Lord Ashbourne's purchase scheme to be the most suitable one that has yet been passed.

Killed by Lightning.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Sept. 8.—John P. Saunders was struck by lightning at Rowley last night and instantly killed.

Marriage.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—Sir Henry Tichborne was married at Coventry to-day to Miss Mary Petro.

SQUARE, OCTAGON and FLAT CAST STEEL will be sold at 88 King street, corner of Royal, at a greatly reduced price. Quality warranted. J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

RECEIVED BY J. C. MILBURN.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, September 8.—The opening of the stock market was only fairly active this morning, but was generally firm, first prices in most stocks ranging from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. above yesterday's final figures. The early advantage was not maintained, however, the market displaying a sagging tendency from the opening, though a few stocks made further slight advances, among which Richmond and West Point was most conspicuous. This soon joined the general list, and by 10:15, when the downward movement was checked, the extreme declines from best figures amounted to from 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. The market became quite dull and recovered part of the loss. Richmond and West Point was very active, while the remainder were quiet to dull. At 11 o'clock the market was quiet and a fairly firm at a shade under opening figures. Money quiet at 4 1/2%.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 8.—Virginia 6s consolidated—past due coupon 63; 10-40 35 1/2; new 63 1/2 bid to-day.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, Sept. 8.—Flour steady, and there is a firmer feeling, but nothing to note in price. The wheat markets continue irregular, and only choice samples are readily sold; other grades continue weak and dull, buyers finding them very difficult to handle this season at any profit even at present low figures; the offerings to-day were small and from ordinary flour (none prime), and were sold at from 70 to 75 cents, but little change from day to day, and there is nothing to encourage speculation reported. Corn is fairly active at 54 to 55 per bushel. Rye and Oats are firm. The receipts of produce have fallen off, and there is a good demand for Potatoes, Eggs, Butter and small fruit at an advance, with indications for better prices in the near future.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 8.—Cotton steady and quiet, middling 9 1/2. Four firm, with an active demand. Wheat—Southern firmer, with a good inquiry; red 80 1/2; amber 82 1/2; Western lower and quiet; No. 2 winter red spot 77 1/2; Sept. 77 1/2; bid; Oct. 79 1/2; Nov. 81 1/2; Dec. 82 1/2; Jan. 83 1/2; Feb. 84 1/2; Mar. 85 1/2; Apr. 86 1/2; May 87 1/2; June 88 1/2; July 89 1/2; Aug. 90 1/2; Sept. 91 1/2; Oct. 92 1/2; Nov. 93 1/2; Dec. 94 1/2; Jan. 95 1/2; Feb. 96 1/2; Mar. 97 1/2; Apr. 98 1/2; May 99 1/2; June 100 1/2; July 101 1/2; Aug. 102 1/2; Sept. 103 1/2; Oct. 104 1/2; Nov. 105 1/2; Dec. 106 1/2; Jan. 107 1/2; Feb. 108 1/2; Mar. 10